

	1	2	3	4
11. Kerala	1	-	2	
12. Madhya Pradesh	-	1	15	
13. Maharashtra	2	17	35	
14. Manipur	-	-	1	
15. Orissa	1	-	7	
16. Punjab	1	-	-	
17. Rajasthan	-	1	10	
18. Tamil Nadu	-	1	6	
19. Tripura	-	-	2	
20. Uttar Pradesh	3	1	13	
21. West Bengal	9	6	10	
	30	42	140	

Compensation Paid By Bank of India

3212. SHRI PRADIP BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI AJAY CHAKRABORTY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bank of India's eastern zone office in Calcutta has not yet given its final decision in regard to payment of some compensation for withholding some constituents current deposit account by its Lindsay Street Branch, Calcutta;

(b) whether the constituents have been representing the cases both to the Government and the bank for long for settlement of the accounts since 1993;

(c) whether the bank had offered some interest as were prevalent for the savings bank account holders and which the constituents refused;

(d) whether any further negotiation has been held; and

(e) if so, details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Bank of India's Zonal Office in Calcutta has taken a final decision to pay interest at the rate of 5 per cent on the amount lying in the accounts of M/s. Bineyog from the date of death of account holder till the release of the amount remaining in the balance to the claimant. In the opinion of the Bank the claim of the constituents for an amount of Rs. 1.25 lacs is not acceptable.

(c) According to the Bank the interest offered is in accordance with the provisions governing such accounts.

(d) The bank has reported that its best efforts to convince the claimant had failed.

(e) Does not arise.

Export of Cotton Yarn

3213. SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has announced the export quota for cotton yarn for the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the export of cotton yarn ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government have announced a quantitative ceiling of 120 million kgs for export of cotton yarn of 40s and below counts during the calendar year 1997.

(c) In order to boost exports of textiles, including cotton yarn, Government have been taking a number of steps, which include encouraging exporters to participate in buyer-seller meets, fairs and exhibitions; enabling import of capital goods at concessional duty for export production; special arrangements for duty free import of raw materials for export production; ensuring increased availability of export credit etc.

Stowing Operation

3214. SHRI HARADHAN ROY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the provisions in the budget during the last three years for expenditure from the net proceeds of cess towards conservation including stowing operation and development of roads in colliery areas;

(b) the physical targets and actual achievements in regard to each item of expenditure provided for in the budget during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the details of the works undertaken in 1996-97 for conservation and safety in mines from the above provision in the budget ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) and (b) The budget provision to meet the expenditure towards conservation including stowing and development of transport infrastructure in coalfield areas out of the excise duty (cess) collected under the Coal Mines (Conservation and Development) Act, 1974 and actual expenditure during the last three years was as under:-

(Rs. crores)

		1993-94		1994-95		1995-96	
		Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
(a)	Conservation including stowing	38.20	37.23	40.00	39.99	45.00	37.55
(b)	Development of transport infrastructure in coalfield areas	27.00	27.00	40.59	40.59	55.00	55.00

The coal companies undertake stowing, protective works and construction of roads and subsequently approach the Coal Conservation and Development Advisory Committee (CCDA) constituted in terms of provisions of Coal Mines (Conservation and Development) Rules, 1975 for subsidy against these works from the funds collected through excise duty collected under the Coal Mines (Conservation and Development) Act, 1974. The proposals of coal companies are examined from the point of view of eligibility of subsidy on a case to case basis within the limits of the budget.

The existing guidelines provide for reimbursement upto 75 per cent of the cost of protective works, 35 per cent of cost of sand stowing and 50 per cent of the cost of construction of roads, while the balance cost has to be borne by the concerned coal company and in some cases of road construction by the concerned State Government as well.

(c) For the year 1996-97 the following budget provision alongwith anticipated expenditure is given below:

(Rs. in crores)

	Budget Provision	Anticipated Expenditure
1. Conservation including stowing	50.00	50.00
2. Development of transport infrastructure in coalfield areas	50.00	50.00

Coloured Cotton

3215. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the production of coloured cotton in the country during each of the last three years;

(b) the quantum of coloured cotton exported during the above period and the countries to which it has been exported;

(c) whether the Government are aware of the fact that growers of coloured cotton are not getting remunerative price for their crop; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to protect the interests of the coloured cotton growers ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) Brown cotton known as Cocanadaned is grown in Kakinada tract of Andhra Pradesh in small areas. Since 1995, naturally coloured cotton belonging to American cotton developed with the assistance of Cotton Corporation of India Ltd is grown in parts of Madhya Pradesh. 14.50 qtls. of brown coloured cotton (seed cotton) was produced during 1995-96.

(b) Coloured cotton lint has not been exported from the country.

(c) Farmers got about 72 per cent to 80 per cent more price for coloured cotton compared to white linted cotton.

(d) Does not arise.

Development of Sericulture

3216. SHRI KESHAB MAHANTA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal to provide assistance to Assam for development of sericulture in the State is under consideration of the Union Government; and

(b) if so, the assistance likely to be provided during the current financial year ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) and (b) The Government of Assam has forwarded proposals for the development of sericulture in the State. The Central Silk Board is preparing a project for integrated and sustained development of sericulture in the North-Eastern States including Assam for implementation during the IXth Five Year Plan period. The above proposals of the Government of Assam will also be considered by the Board while preparing the project report.

Decline in Production of Tea in Assam

3217. SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the tea gardens in Assam have illegally occupied a large amount of the Government land;

(b) if so, the details thereof;